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I.A. Filed : December 29, 1995) Examiner Not Yet Known
For : IMPROVEMENT TO A HELMET)
HAVING RESILIENT BENDING)
MEANS IN THE LOWER REAR)
PORTION OF THE SHELL THEREOF)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following materials were cited in a search report in the international application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants have described below comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

U.S. Patent No. 1,660,375 (DIETERLE), issued on February 28, 1928, is cited as being

a document that is particularly pertinent (i.e., a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 2, and 6-8 of Applicants' international application. Page 1, lines 32-41; page 1, lines 46-64; page 1, lines 86-94; and the figures of US '375 are cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 4,477,929 (MATTSSON), issued on October 23, 1984, is cited as being a document that is particularly pertinent (i.e., a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-4 and 6-8 of Applicants' international application. Column 2, lines 54-60, 65-68; column 3, lines 1-21; claim 1; and Fig. 7 of US '929 are cited as being relevant.

British Patent Publication No. 1,060,567 (BAXTER WOODHOUSE AND TAYLOR LIMITED), published on March 8, 1967, is cited as being a document that is particularly pertinent (i.e., a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-8 of Applicants' international application. Page 2, line 124, to page 3, line 13; page 3, line 123, to page 4, line 1; claims 1-4, 21; and Figs. 1-3 of GB '567 are cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 3,591,863 (RICKARD), issued on July 13, 1971, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 6-8 of Applicants' international application. Column 3, lines 59-62, 68-71, and Fig. 7 of US '863 are cited as being relevant.

French Patent Publication No. 1,214,865 (DE GRIMAL), published on April 12, 1960, is cited as being a document that is particularly pertinent (i.e., a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-5 of Applicants' international application. The entirety of FR '865 is cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 3,720,955 (RAWLINGS), issued on March 20, 1973, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 14 and 15 of Applicants' international application. The

claims and figures of US '955 are cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 4,282,610 (STEIGERWALD et al.), issued on August 11, 1981, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 14 and 15 of Applicants' international application. Column 6, lines 26-32, 40-45, and Figs. 9 and 10 of US '610 are cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 3,230,544 (MAGER), issued on January 25, 1966, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document), but without regard to any particular claims of Applicants' international application. No specific portion of US '544 is cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 3,107,356 (PESTRONK et al.), issued on October 22, 1963, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document), but without regard to any particular claims of Applicants' international application. No specific portion of US '356 is cited as being relevant.

British Patent Publication No. 2 202 729 (THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE), published on October 5, 1988, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document), but without regard to any particular claims of Applicants' international application. No specific portion of GB '729 is cited as being relevant.

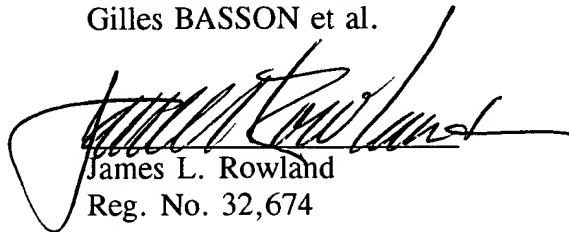
In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98 and MPEP 609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is enclosed herewith. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and

returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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